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RELAXATION IN OPENING OF POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether relaxation has been given in following the criteria for opening branches of post offices in remote, hilly and bordering States specially in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of post offices to be opened and to be upgraded in the country especially in Himachal Pradesh during Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plan;

(d) whether the target has been achieved; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the proposed target during Eleventh Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Details of norms for opening of post offices are given in the Annexure-I.

(c) With the start of the 11th Plan, no post offices are now to be opened/upgraded against plan targets relating to 9th and 10th Plans. The number of post offices opened/upgraded in the country during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plan is 2903 including 29 Post offices in Himachal Pradesh Circle.

(d) & (e) With the start of the 11th Plan, no post offices are now to be upgraded against plan targets relating to 9th and 10th Plans. Out of an allotted target of 3353 post offices during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plan throughout the country (including Himachal Pradesh also), target of opening of 2903 post offices has been achieved. The individual targets for H.P. was 41 during the 9th Plan and 6 during 10th Plan and against these targets, 23 were opened/upgraded during 9th Plan and 6 during 10th Plan respectively. Details are given in the Annexures II & III respectively. Details of tentative targets during the Eleventh Five Year Plan are given in Annexure-IV.